

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 26 – page 2, line 22, with the following amended paragraph:

A vibration damping rubber member used in a vibration transmitting system involving different kinds of vibrations having different frequencies, for instance, typically, the vibration damping rubber member as used on the automotive vehicles as described above, is generally required to exhibit vibration damping characteristics suitable ~~for~~ to effectively damp those different kinds of vibrations. Described in detail, the vibration damping rubber member used on the automotive vehicles is generally required to exhibit a relatively low degree of dynamic spring stiffness with respect to input vibrations having comparatively high frequencies of 100Hz or higher, and to exhibit a relatively high damping effect with respect to input vibrations having comparatively low frequencies of about 10-20Hz. In the present invention, the dynamic spring stiffness is defined by a dynamic/static ratio (K_{d100}/K_s) of spring constant of the vibration damping rubber member, which is a ratio of a dynamic spring constant K_{d100} to a static spring constant K_s of the vibration damping rubber member. The dynamic spring constant K_{d100} is obtained when it is subjected to vibration of 100Hz. The dynamic spring stiffness decreases with a decrease of the dynamic/static ratio K_{d100}/K_s . On the other hand, the damping effect is defined by a loss factor ($\tan \delta$) of the vibration damping rubber member when it is subjected to vibration of 15Hz. The damping effect increases with an increase of the loss factor $\tan \delta$.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 3-8, with the following amended paragraph:

Accordingly, the present vibration damping rubber member can be suitably used as vibration damping rubber structures for automotive vehicles, and other damping rubber structures in a vibration transmitting system involving different kinds of vibrations having different frequencies, and is capable of effectively damping such vibrations. [[.]]